



# CITY OF BRUNSWICK

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2007, 7:00 P.M.

Parking Ordinances–Parking Violation Fee Increase, Tow and Boot Authority, Change in Commercial Vehicle Description–Ordinances 471 & 472–Dave Dunn, Chief Smith  
Proposed changes to current parking plan attached. Some highlights...currently there are \$14,000 in unpaid parking fines from out-of-state vehicles accrued over the last four years. Proposed ordinances would give City authority to “Boot” out-of-state vehicles, resulting in payment of all outstanding fines and \$35 boot removal fee. Would not boot in-state vehicles because City can use other measures of recourse.

No public comment.

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE

ROLL CALL–Johnson, Biser, Allgaier, Stull, Bruchey, Smith–all present

### MAYOR’S REMARKS

- This Saturday Halloween celebration in Brunswick.
- This weekend bulk-trash drop off and yard waste disposal.
- Veterans Day Parade–75th Annual on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Mayor reads Veterans Day Proclamation.
- Mentions deaths of Tony Webber and Jim Haller, Brunswick residents.

### CITIZENS’ FORUM

None.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Donation Request–Brunswick High Yearbook Staff

Receive this request each year. Consent of Council to approve same ad size and cost as previous years.

### OLD BUSINESS

Parking Permit Program–Dave Dunn

Proposing to leave current plan and make following changes: charges businesses \$20/year for parking permit, add one space to Petersville Road program, add 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to program.

Smith–Questions how 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue is considered residential with only one house in area?

Biser–Mentions downtown business overflow parking.

Smith–Points out that Martin’s Creek has always been available to downtown business employees for parking, but many do not want to walk that far to their businesses.

Biser–Questions whether City will switch from placards to stickers.

Dave–This is an administrative decision to be made at a later time.

Consensus of Council to agree with areas in questions.

Johnson–Doesn’t know if charging residents is a good idea.

Mayor–Points out that the amount isn’t expensive, and we’re really only recouping hard costs.

Dave Dunn–Isn’t sure that this program shouldn’t be subsidized by all City residents, not just area homeowners.

Biser–Would suggest making parking permits renew every January.

Mayor–Merchants are currently paying \$10.

Dave Dunn–A suggestion has been made to increase that to \$20.

Mayor–Wishes to bring this back at next meeting for a vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Zoning Ordinance & Subdivision Regulations Text Amendment–Landscape Manual–Ordinances 458–468–Jeff Love & Rick Stup  
Staff report attached.

Rick Stup–Mentions that if Ordinance 458 is voted down, Council is asked to consider Ordinance 459-468, excluding any reference to the Landscape Manual.

Mayor–Clarifies any changes Council wishes to make, would send Ordinance back to Planning Commission.

Biser—Why did Planning Commission decide to leave Lots of Record section in Ordinance 459?

Stup—Planning Commission directed staff to use this document, modeled after Westminster, Maryland. Because Planning Commission had issues with some parts of that section, staff removed section regarding Lots of Records. Planning Commission asked staff to modify section on Lots of Records, not total removal of that section.

Mayor—What does this add to Lots of Records regarding cost and/or professional help.

Stup—That depends on individual. If they draw their own plot plan, which many do, it doesn't add costs or professional help.

Smith—Motion to deny Ordinance for Planning & Zoning to delete Lots of Record section  
2<sup>nd</sup> for discussion—Bruchey  
Vote 3-3, (Biser, Allgaier, Stull against)  
Motion fails

Motion to approve Ordinance 458—Stull  
2<sup>nd</sup>—Allgaier  
Vote 5-1

Confusion among Council regarding which Ordinance they were voting on. Smith thought he was voting on Ordinance 459.

Stull—Clarifies the vote was to approve Ordinance 458.

Smith—Motion that I made was to send all Ordinances back to Planning & Zoning. Thought we were voting on Ordinance 459.

Bruchey—Agrees, he thought Smith's motion was on Ordinance 459.

Biser—Moves to bring up for reconsideration  
2<sup>nd</sup>—Smith

Stup—If you need clarification on a motion or vote, the motion can be restated and have a re-vote by consensus of entire Council.

Mayor—Does anyone object a restatement or clarification?

Council agrees.

Stup clarifies.

Stull–Motion was to approve Ordinance 458.

Allgaier–Seconded motion.

Stup–If 458 passes, other motions will be needed to approve 459-468.

Vote 4-2, Bruchey, Smith against

Motion to approve 459-468–Biser

2<sup>nd</sup>–Stull

Vote 6-0

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Commercial Vehicle Description–Dave Dunn

Previously discussed during Public Hearing.

Approved By: Paul J. Jann 11/13/07  
Mayor Date

Witnessed By: Dave Dunn  
City Administrator Date 11/13/07